T. L. Thompson, twenty dollars, for Mary Venables, twenty DecSes 1845; dollars, for the five orphan children of Margaret Mitchell, twenty dollars, each, for Leonard Gates twenty dollars, for Peggy Brown, twenty dollars, for Jemima Beck, twenty dollars, for William C. Rawlings, twenty dollars, for Charlotte Boswell, twenty dollars, for Mary Ann Bridewell, twenty dollars, and for Ann Gray, twenty dollars; in Cecil county, for Jonathan Cecil. Packer, forty dollars, for Hetty Hagan, thirty dollars, for Edward Alexander, thirty dollars, in Kent county, for Alethea Barnett, thirty dollars, for George Jiant, thirty dollars, for Ann Crouch, thirty dollars, for Elizabeth Wheat, thirty dollars, for Samuel Benton, thirty dollars; in Queen Anne's county, for Queen Anne; Sarah Evans, twenty dollars, for Margaret Duhamil twenty dollars, for Henrietta Woodall, twenty dollars, for the two orphan children under the care of John Jones, thirty dollars, for Lucy Harris, thirty dollars, for Henry Ayler, twenty dollars, for for Isaac Stewart, twenty dollars; in Worcester county for Isaac Taylor, thirty dollars, for George Oliphant, thir- Worcester. ty dollars, for Mary Hill, twenty dollars; in Harford coun- Harford. ty, for John Griffin thirty dollars; in Montgomery county for Kitty Shaw, thirty dollars, for Mary Price, thirty dollars, for Hanson Prichett, thirty dollars, for Walter A Tuttle, thirty dollars, for Elizabeth Beans, thirty dollars, payable to themselves or their orders respectively, or such person or persons as the said levy courts shall direct.

## CHAPTER 203.

An act concerning Mortgages and other Deeds,

Sec 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That in case of several deeds or conveyances for the same lands, tenements or hereditaments or chattels, situate, lying and being in this state, the deed or deeds, conveyance or conveyances, which shall be first recorded according to law, shall have preference in all courts of law and equity in this state, according to the times of the recording of such deeds or conveyances respectively: Provided, that the deed or deeds, conveyance or conveyances, so to be preferred, be made bona fide, and upon good and valuable consideration, and further that no deed or conveyance shall defeat or prejudice the title or interest of any bona'fide purchaser of any lands, tenements, or hereditaments or chattels unless the same shall have been duly recorded.

2. And be it enacted, That every deed conveying real estate or chattels, which by any other instrument or writing, shall appear to have been intended only as a security in the nature of a mortgage, though it be an absolute conveyance in terms, shall be considered as a mortgage, and that the person or persons for

Passed March 8, 1826. Deed first recorded have preference &c.

Deed given as mortgages.